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SUMMARY: LOS CONF CHAIRMAN DISCUSSED METHODS OF CONDUCTING FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS ON RULES OF PROCEDURE WITH HEADS OF REGIONAL GROUPS AND US. END SUMMARY.

1. LOS CONF CHAIRMAN AMERASINGHE CALLED MEETING OF HEADS OF REGIONAL GROUPS PLUS US 19 FEB TO DISCUSS IDEAS FOR CONDUCTING CONSULTATIONS ON CONF RULES OF PROCEDURE, COMMENCING 25 FEB.

(AF, UGANDA; AS, MONGOLIA; WEO, AUSTRIA; US, STEVENSON ATTENDED. EE AND LA ABSENT) AMERASINGHE PROPOSED AN EARLY MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL INTERESTED DELEGATIONS AND FOLLOWED BY CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN HIMSELF AND SPONSORS OF AMENDMENTS, AND LATER BETWEEN HIMSELF AND DIFFERENT INTEREST (NOT REGIONAL) GROUPS. AMERASINGHE THEN HOPES TO CREATE CONTACT GROUP COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF UNCLASSIFIED

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INTEREST GROUPS, (BETWEEN 30-50) MEMBERS), WHO WOULD THEN

BE ABLE TO GIVE BALANCED REPORTS TO REGIONAL GROUPS.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT AT THIS MEETING RAISED NO DIFFICULTY WITH THIS SUGGESTED PROCEDURE BUT INDICATED THEY WOULD REPORT TO THEIR GROUPS AND GIVE FURTHER VIEWS BY 22 FEB. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY AMERASINGHE STATED GENERAL COMITE COULD PLAY NO ROLE AT THIS STAGE SINCE THE COMITE'S FUNCTION WAS YET TO BE DETERMINED IN RULES.

3. AMERASINGHE EXPRESSED THE FOLLOWING VIEWS:

A. GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT WILL HAVE TO BE COVERED EITHER AS SEPARATE RES OR READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH RULES. AMERASINGHE OPPOSES INCLUSION OF TERMS AND CANNOT BE DEFINED, (I.E. CONSENSUS) IN RULES THEMSELVES.

B. SPECIFYING "COOLING OFF PERIODS" IN THE RULES IS TOO DIFFICULT AND THE MATTER WOULD BE BEST LEFT TO ACCEPTED AGREEMENT THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO REACH CONSENSUS.

C. IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO DEVIATE FROM CLASSIC RULES OF VOTING; SIMPLE MAJORITY IN COMITE, 2/3 IN PLENARY.

D. WHILE NOT CONVINCED OF ARGUMENTS AGAINST IT, CHIARMAN HAS ABANDONED SUPPORT OF INDICATIVE VOTING SINCE TOO MANY DELEGATIONS HAVE VOICED OPPOSITION.

4. AMERASINGHE URGED REGIONAL GROUPS TO CONSIDER THE VITAL QUESTION OF HOW TO DETERMINE WHEN ALL EFFORTS AT CONSENSUS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED AND WHAT ROLE WILL BE PLAYED BY THE GENERAL COMITE.

5. AF GROUP REP NOTED GROUP OF 77 HAS CREATED TASK FORCE TO CONSIDER RULES AND WHILE THEY CURRENTLY HAVE 3 ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO PRESENT FULL GROUP POSITION. AMERASINGHE APPEALED THAT IF GROUP SUCCEEDS, TI SHOULD BE READY TO NEGOTIATE THAT POSITION AND NOT HAVE IT SO FIXED AS TO JEOPARDIZE THE CONF.  
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